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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NOBORI et al.

Application No.: 09/780,114

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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING  
MTASE (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time for three months, from April 29, 2004 to July 29, 2004 is included herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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